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City traffic is always an issue and lives saved in hospital fire

MIKE PETTY AND JAMES MILNER LOOK THROUGH THE CAMBRIDGE NEWS ARCHIVES AT SOME OF THE STORIES FROM THIS DAY IN THE PAST

Traffic on Petty Cury in 1964

Petty Cury traffic ban – 1947

Chief Constable B.N. Bebbington told Cambridge Rotary Club that he would like to see a scheme whereby traffic was banned – at least buses and heavy traffic – in the centre of Cambridge.

He said: "In Petty Cury on Saturdays there is insufficient room for traffic, let alone pedestrians. It would be more satisfactory if that central part of the town was for pedestrian traffic only.

"That is a sweeping thing to say and will not find favour in all quarters."

Referring to criticism that the one-way traffic scheme soon to be introduced in the centre of town was "the wrong way round", he explained that it diverted from the town centre the large amount of traffic going to the station from the Chesterton direction and would encourage lorry drivers passing through Cambridge to take the route through the Backs.

More car parks in the centre of the town were obviously a need, and there were plans in existence to provide them.

Mucky milk bottles – 1960

More than 3,000 milk bottles are returned in a filthy condition every day.

They often contain rubber bands, toys, safety pins, coins or cement. Some have been used to store turpentine or paraffin.

If the housewife would get into the habit of washing them out, it would save five pence per bottle to replace them.

The possibility of cartons, such as those used in vending machines, had been considered but the bottle was the most economical method of milk delivery.

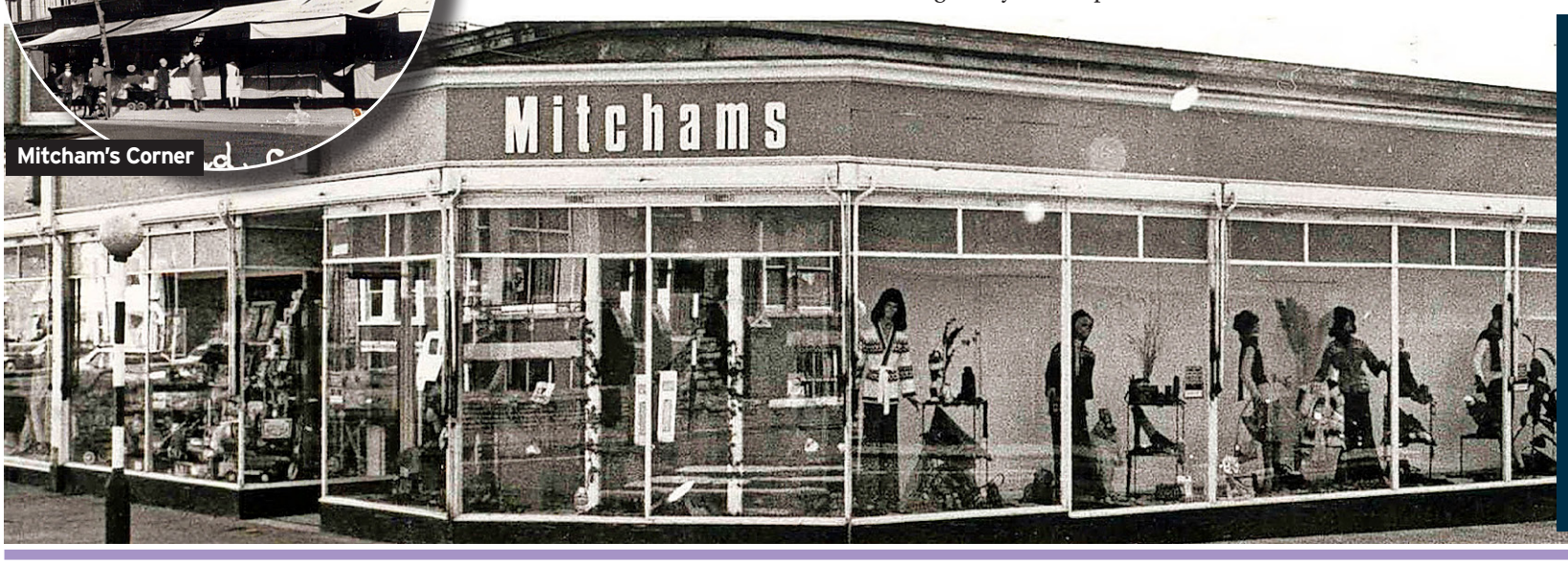
One day in the future expendable bottles would be used and, afterwards, collected by the city surveyor's department rather than the dairyman.

Mr. R. C. Askew, who has been a dairyman in Willingham for 36 years, uses a tricycle to deliver his milk Cambridge April 15, 1968

Bank works – 1937

The Great Ouse Catchment Board considered anti-flood schemes costing over £300,000.

Mitcham's Corner



Mitcham's Jubilee – 1959

MITCHAM'S is holding its golden jubilee, celebrating 50 years at Mitcham's Corner.

To mark this occasion, the shop has had extensive alterations made and decorations added to its fashion showroom where visitors will find up-to-the-minute fashion ranges of coats, suits, dresses and separates.

The shop will present a two-shilling jubilee celebration cheque on all purchases of £1. Take the children – there will be a balloon for them.